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SOURCE

On 30 May 1952, a firing range, 1,500 meters long and 400 meters wide, which, every 100 meters was seen south of the Burgwenden-Garnbach road in the Lossa (H 52/59) training area. The distances were marked off by signs every 100 meters for 1,200 meters. Log-covered earthbunkers were on either side of this range. It was fitted with dummy houses and movable tanks on rails. The firing range began on the south-west slope of the Heidenkopf and extended in south-west direction as far as hill 353.5. A watchtower was under construction 200 meters south of hill 355.7. An identical firing range was near hill 348.7 and extended from Vogelhaerdsberg to about 250 meters west of the Lossa potassium plant. A total of 19 SU-85 guns including numbers 140 through 159, about 20 T 34/85 tanks with numbers 242, 244 through 258, 260 through 262 and a six-wheel armored personnel carrier numbered 460 and mounting a gun were parked at this range. Between 12 and 15 low wooden buildings and about 10 wall tents which had recently been erected, were west of the Lossa - Wiehe road. No changes since previous observations were noticed east of the road. Source learned from forest workers that tanks had already fired at the new firing ranges.

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